a large iceberg and several pieces of field-ice; s.s. "Brooklyn" saw several icebergs off Cape Race; last ice seen in N. 47° 24′, W. 49° 26′; bark "Esmeralda," in N. 46° W. 50°, passed four small icebergs; s.s. "Salier," between N. 42° 16′, W. 50° 42′ and N. 42° 47′, W. 47° 53′, passed eleven large icebergs and some smaller ones.

28th.—S. S. "City of Chester," in N. 42° 11', W. 48° 49',

passed an iceberg and several pieces of ice.
29th.—S. S. "Westphalia," in N. 41° 42′, W. 47° 47′, passed

a large iceberg.

30th.—S. S. "Alaska," in N. 43° 37′, W. 48° 03′, passed an iceberg, also in N. 43° 27′, W. 48° 17′ passed another; s. s. "Weser," in N. 41° 30′, W. 47° 30′, passed a small iceberg.

June 1st.—S. S. "Furnessia," in N. 43° 01′, W. 49° 43′, passed an iceberg; s. s. "Nürnberg," between N. 42° 56′, W. 48° 11′ and N. 42° 54′, W. 48° 32′, passed several icebergs. 2d.—S. S. "Pieter de Coninck," in N. 44° 34′, W. 49° 10′,

passed an iceberg.

5th.—S. S. "City of Rome," in N. 44° 36', W. 47° 35', passed two large icebergs; s. s. "Critic," in N. 41° 30', W. 48° 51',

passed several icebergs.

6th.—S. S. "Grecian Monarch," in N. 46° 23', W. 50° 27', passed two icebergs and several pieces of ice; s. s "Brooklyn City," in N. 44° 06′, W. 55°, passed a large iceberg; s. s. "Rhætia," in N. 42° 34′, W. 50° 23′, passed two large icebergs about one hundred to one hundred and fifty feet high; s. s. "Justitia," in N. 42° 15′, W. 48° 04′, passed a large iceberg with floating ice around it.

TEMPERATURE OF THE AIR.

[Expressed in degrees, Fahrenheit.]

The distribution of mean temperature over the United States and Canada for May, 1884, is exhibited on chart ii. by the dotted isothermal lines.

In the following table are shown the normal temperatures for May, the mean temperatures for May, 1884, and the departures from the normal, in the several geographical districts, as deduced from the records of the Signal Service:

Average temperatures for May, 1884.

Districts.	: Signal-Se	Average for May. Signal-Service ob- servations.		
,	For sev- eral years,	For 1884.	the average for several years.	
New England	54.5	53.6	0.9 below.	
Middle Atlantic states		61.9	0.8 abuve.	
South Atlantic states		71.6	1.9 above.	
Florida peninsula		78.1		
Kastern Gulf states		73.0	0.4 above.	
Western Gulf states			. I.4 below.	
Rio Grande valley			2.2 below.	
Tennessee		68.5	0.6 below.	
Ohio valley			I.6 below.	
Lower lake region			1.2 below.	
Upper lake region		51.2	0.5 below.	
Extreme northwest		53.5	0.5 above.	
Upper Mississippi valley		8.13	0.2 below.	
Missouri valley		60.1	1.3 below.	
Northern slope		53 - 5	o.8 above.	
Middle slope		58.4	3.0 below.	
Southern slope		65.8	5.1 below.	
Southern plateau		65.5	3.0 below.	
Northern plateau		61.0	5.2 above.	
North Pacific coast region		58.2	3.4 above.	
Middle Pacific coast region		63.4	1.4 above.	
South Pacific coast region		66.1	0.8 below.	
Mount Washington, N. H.	33.5	32.0	1.5 below.	
Pike's Peak, Colo		20.4	1.7 below.	
CIMO 6 FCRK, CUIV	57.9	20.4	0.2 below.	

The month was warmer than the average in the states bordering on the Atlantic south of New England, in the east Gulf states, north and middle Pacific coast regions, northern plateau, northern slope, and extreme northwest. In the districts above-named the mean temperature of May exceeded the normal, as follows: middle Atlantic and east Gulf states, extreme | years. northwest and northern slope from 0°.4 to 0°.8; south Atlantic states, Florida peninsula, and middle Pacific coast region, 60°.5, is 0.°4 below the May average of the last thirteen years.

from 1°.2 to 1°.9; north Pacific coast region and northern plateau, from 3°.4 to 5°.2. In all other portions of the country the month was colder than the average, the deficiencies in the mean temperatures being less than 1° in southern California, the upper lake region, Tennessee, and the upper Mississippi valley, the average in the last-named districts being only 00.2 below the normal. The most marked deficiencies occurred in the middle and southern slopes, and southern plateau, where they varied from 3° to 5°.

The following are some of the highest and lowest monthly mean temperatures reported from the Signal Service stations:

Stations reporting highest,	Stations reporting lowest.	
Color Carlon Ca	Pike's Peak, Colorado	.0 .5 .7 .5 .9 .1 .6 .6 .1

DEVIATIONS FROM MEAN TEMPERATURE.

The departures exhibited by the reports from the regular Signal Service stations are shown in the table of comparative temperatures for May, 1884. Voluntary observers report the following notes in connection with this subject:

Arkansas.—Lead Hill, Boone county: mean temperature, 67°.8, is 3°.1 above the May average of the last two years.

Dakota.—Webster, Day county: mean temperature, 57°.6, is 6°.2 above that for May, 1883.

Illinois.—Riley, McHenry county: mean temperature, 57°.0, is 0°.3 above the May average of the last twenty-three years. The mean temperature of the spring season of 1884, is 43°.3, or 0°.3 below the mean of the corresponding period of the last twenty-three years.

Swanwick, Perry county: mean temperature, 63°.5, is 0°.2 above the May average of the last three years.

Mattoon, Coles county: mean temperature, 66°.0, is 0°.5 above the May average of the last five years.

Anna, Union county: mean temperature, 65°.5, is 1°.7 be-

low the May average of the last nine years.

Indiana.—Logansport, Cass county: mean temperature, 62°.0, is 2°.4 below the May average of the last twenty-five years. During that period the average maximum temperature was 91°.1, the highest being 99° in 1870 and 1881, and the lowest maximum, 83°, occurred in 1861. The average minimum temperature was 38°.6, the lowest being 28°, which occurred in 1876 and 1877.

Vevay, Switzerland county: mean temperature, 64.°4, is 1°.0 below the May average of the last twenty years.

Wabash, Wabash county: mean temperature, 61°.6, is 0°.5

below the May average of the last eight years.

Lafayette, Tippecanoe county: mean temperature, 59°.5, is 2°.9 below the May average of the four preceding years; the mean temperature of the spring of 1884, is 49°.3 or 0°.4 below the average of the corresponding seasons of the some period.

Kansas.—Independence, Montgomery county: mean temperature, 63°.8, is 2°.1 below the May average of the last thirteen years.

Lawrence, Douglas county: mean temperature, 62°.2, is 3°.6 below the May average of the last seventeen years.

Wellington, Sumner county: mean temperature, 60°.2, is

2°.9 below the May average of the last six years.

Maine.—Gardiner, Kennebec county: mean temperature, 51°.2, is 2°.3 below the May average of the last forty-eight Maryland.—Fallston, Harford county: mean temperature,

Table of maximum	and minimum	temperatures for	r M ay, 1884.

State or	Signal Serv	ice.		U. S. Army Post Surgeon Voluntary Observers			
Territory.	Station.	Max. Min		Station.	Max.	Min	
ıbama	Montgomery	93	59	Calera	98	50	
Do	Mobile	93	59	Birmingham	96	41	
izona Do	Yuma Willcox	104 98	49 15	Texas Hill Pantano	108	55 40	
kansas	Fort Smith	92	15 46.	Lead Hill	93 88	46	
ifornia	Little Rock Red Bluff	87 91	54 50	Prescott	113	34	
Do	Fort Bidwell	86	29	Boca	68	30	
o <u>r</u> ado	West Las Animas	90	28	Fort Lyon	91	17	
uecticut	Pike's Peak New Haven	40 85	- 3 3 ²	Fort Lewis Southington	71 91	22 26	
Do	New London	83 86	35	Bethel	91 88	26	
kota 	Fort Buford Fort Bennett	86	25 32	Fort Randall Fort Meade	89 82	33 25	
aware	Del. Breakwater	81	46			[
trict of Columbia	Washington City	92	42	West Washington	92	42	
rida Do	Jacksonville Cedar Keys	91 90	62 60	Waldo Live Oak	101	58 54	
rgia	Savannah	90	58	Way Cross	103	54	
Do	Augusta	90	54	Allapaba	96	45	
ho Do	Lewiston Cœurd'Alene	92 85	39 23	Fort Lapwai	92	36	
nois,	Cairo	82	49	Greenville	90	49	
Do	Chicago	78 84	40	Polo	82	30	
liana Do	Indianapolis	04	41	Vevay Sunman	89 86	43 34	
lian Territory	Cantonment	90	36	Fort Reno	8ġ	37	
ra	Dubuque	81	39	Mount Vernou	88	41	
Do nsas	Des Moines Dodge City	80 87	35 32	Cedar Rapids Allison	80 02	33 32	
Do	Leavenworth	84	39	Topeka	86	30	
ntucky	Louisville	89	46	Frankfort	86	43	
iislana Do	Shreveport New Orleans	91 86	56 62	Alexandria Minden	95	45 51	
ine	Portland	83	39	Cornish	99 83	38	
Do	Eastport	73	34	Gardiner	75	32	
ryland Do	Baltimore Ocean City	89 86	45 42	Sandy Springs Woodstock	92 91	38 38	
ssachusetts	Boston	88	35 38	Westborough	93 82	37	
Do	Thatcher's Island	69 81	38	Princeton		27 28	
higan Do	DetroitAlpena	So	36 30	Hudson Swartz Creek	83 81	28	
nesota	Moorhead	86	28	Hastings	84	32	
bo elssippi	Saint Vincent Vicksburg	85 88	29	Northfield Meridian	80	31 51	
souri	Saint Louis	86	57 44	Dresden	97 90	43	
Do	******************************			Oregon	83	32	
ntana Do	Fort Benton Poplar River	88 84	30 24	Fort Assinaboine Fort Ellis	88 82	27 20	
raska	North Platte	88	32	Clear Creek	88	39	
Do	Omaha	S2	36	Red Willow	86	22	
v Hampshire Do	Mount Washington.	5 5	12	Contoccook Bristol	85 80	32 28	
v Jersey	Little Egg Harbor	90 86	41	Vineland	92	42	
Do	Sandy Hook		45	South Orange	88	40	
v Mexico Do	Fort Craig	92	30	Fort Union Puerto de Luna	79	12 43	
v York	Albany	85	39	Ithaca	90	32 26	
Do rth Carolina	Rochester	83	33	Chand Hill	79		
Do	Kitty Hawk New River Inlet	89 86	42 46	Chapel Hill Brevard	94 88	43 40	
0	Sandusky	87 82	42	Waverly	90	36	
Do	Toledo Asbland	82	36	JunctionAlbany	83 88	28 46	
Do	Linkville	93 80	33 24	Fort Klamathi	82	21	
nsylvania	Erie	86	37	Easton	92	47 26	
Doode Island	Pittsburg Narragansett Pier	92	39	Troy	86	20	
Do	Point Judith	75 70	33 34				
th Carolina	Charleston	91	60	Cheraw	96	46	
Do	Knoxville	89	46	Kingstree Hurricane Switch	95 90	46 41	
Do	Chattanooga	S9	52	Kingston Springs	87	39 52	
88 D.,	El Paso Fort Elliott	103	40	Cuero Weatherford	94 86	52	
Dy	Salt Lake City	90 84	36 36	Nephi	So	43	
mont				Woodstock	85 92	25	
ginia	Cape Henry Lynchburg	92	47	Accotink Variety Mills	92	43 30 25 50 37 32	
Doshington Territory	Olympia	91 87	45 36	Pleasant Grove	90 85	32	
Do	Fort Spokane	89	25	Fort Spokane	91 88	30 36	
st Virginiasconsin	La Crosse		Q	Helvetia Evansville	88 84	36 30	
Do	Milwaukee	79 79 80	38 35	Neillsville	75 80	29	

Massachusetts.-Worcester, Worcester county: mean temperature, 53°.7, is below the May average of a period of fortyfive years.

below the normal of May

New York.—Palermo, Oswego county: mean temperature, 52.4, is 0°.7 below the May average of the last thirty-one years.

Dannemora, Clinton county: mean temperature, 53°.8, is 10th, to 32° at Bio Grande City, Texas, on same date.

Dannemora, Clinton county: mean temperature, 53°.8, is 0°.7 below the May average of the four preceding years.

Ohio.—Wauseon, Fulton county: mean temperature, 58°.3, Knoxville, on the 31st.

is 0°.5 below the May average of the last fourteen years. The highest May mean of that period, 64°.3, occurred in 1880; the lowest, 52°.2, occurred in 1882.

Pennsylvania.—Dyberry, Wayne county: mean temperature, 55°.3, is 0°.5 above the May average of the last eighteen years. Texas.—New Ulm, Austin county: mean temperature, 72°.2, is 2°.4 below the May average of the last twelve years.

Vermont.—Woodstock, Windsor county; mean temperature, 54°.2, is 0°.1 above the May average of the last seven years. Virginia. -- Wytheville, Wythe county: mean temperature,

62°.7, is 1°.9 below the May normal for a period of twenty-one

Variety Mills, Nelson county: mean temperature, 64°.4, is 0°.7 above the May average of the last seven years. The mean temperature of the spring of 1884 is 53°.7, or 0°.6 below the average of the corresponding period of the last seven

West Virginia.—Helvetia, Randolph county: mean temperature, 57°.8, is 0°.5 below the May average of the last eight years.

MONTHLY RANGES OF TEMPERATURE.

The monthly ranges of temperature were greatest in Oregon and Washington Territory (except along the immediate coast), and from Arizona, New Mexico, and western Texas, northward to British America; they were least along the coasts of the Gulf of Mexico and Pacific ocean.

Monthly ranges of 55° or more occurred at the following stations: Maricopa and Yuma, Arizona, and Dodge City, Kansas, 55°; Linkville, Oregon, Saint Vincent, Minnesota, and North Platte, Nebraska, 56°; Moorhead, Minnesota, 57°; Forts McDowell and Thomas, Arizona, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Fort Benton, Montana, 58°; Fort Bidwell, California, and Poplar River, Montana, 59°; Ashland, Oregon, Fort Verde, Arizona, Fort Custer, Montana, and Fort Buford, Dakota, 60°; San Carlos, Arizona, 61°; Fort Craig, New Mexico, and Cœur d'Alene, Idaho, 62°; El Paso, Texas, and West Las Animas, Colorado, 63°; Phœnix, Arizona, 68°.

Monthly ranges of 33° and less occurred at the following stations: Fort Canby, and Neah Bay, Washington Territory, and Block Island, Rhode Island, 33°; Los Angeles, California, Indianola and Palestine, Texas, Hatteras, North Carolina, and Savannah, Georgia, 32°; San Francisco, California, Thatcher's Island, Massachusetts, Smithville, North Carolina, Chineoteague, Virginia, and Charleston, South Carolina, 31°; Vicksburg, Mississippi, Atlanta, Georgia, and Cedar Keys, Florida, 30°; Jacksonville, Florida, 28°; Cape Mendocino, California, 27°; Fort Macon, North Carolina, and Pensacola, Florida, 26°; Galveston, Texas, and San Diego, California, 25°; New Orleans, Louisiana, 24°; Key West, Florida, 20°.

GREATEST DAILY RANGES OF TEMPERATURE.

The greatest daily ranges of temperature varied in the several districts as follows:

New England .- From 21° at Block Island, Rhode Island, on the 25th, to 34° at Boston, Massachusetts, on the 2d.

Middle Atlantic states.—From 22° at Cape May, New Jersey, on the 5th, to 32° at New York City, on the 2d, and Washington City, District of Columbia, on the 18th.

South Atlantic states .- From 18° at Fort Macon, North Carolina, on the 4th, to 30° at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on the

Florida peninsula.—From 15° at Key West, on the 12th, to 19° at Cedar Keys, on the 21st.

East Gulf states.—From 16° at New Orleans, Louisiana, on Missouri.—Saint Louis, mean temperature, 64°.7, is 1°.6 the 9th, to 28° at Mobile and Montgomery, Alabama, on the 10th.

West Gulf states .- From 18° at Galveston, Texas, on the 9th,

Tennessee.—From 29° at Nashville, on the 18th, to 32° at

Ohio valley.-From 23° at Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 9th, to

36° at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on the 31st.

Lower lake region.—From 26° at Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio, on the 17th and 21st, respectively, to 40° at Erie, Pennsylvania, on the 1st.

Upper lake region.—From 24° at Grand Haven, Michigan, on the 5th, to 35° at Alpena, Michigan, on the 31st.

Extreme northwest.—From 35° at Bismarck, Dakota, on the 7th, to 42° at Fort Buford, Dakota, on the 23d.

Upper Mississippi valley.—From 23° at Saint Louis, Missouri,

Table of comparative maximum temperatures for the month of May.

State	Maximum for May, 1884, Signal Service.		Maximum since Signal-Service stations were opened—3 to 13 years.			Highest from any other source,		
or Territory.	Station.	Tempera- ture.	Station.	Tempera- ture.	Year.	Place.	Tempera- ture.	Year.
				0			0	
abama		93	Montgomery	98 98	1875	Mount Vernon Arsenal	102	
Doizona		93	Mobile	98 105	1878 1876	MobileFort Verde	92	
Do			Yuma	109	1883	Fort Mojave	110	
kansas	Little Rock	. 87	Little Rock	91	1880	Washington, near	94	*************
Do	Fort Smith	. 92	Fort Smith	93	1883	Fort Smith	93	
fornia			Los Augeles	100	1883 1882	Fort Nume	113	******
Do orado,			Visalia Denver	10I 92	1874	Fort Yuma	99	1880
Do			Pike's Peak	47	1880	Fort Garland	93	
necticut	New Haven	. 85	New Haven	89	1880	New Haven	93	
Do	New London	. 83	New London	89	1881	Fort Trumbull	92	
ota Do	Fort Bennett	. 86 . 86	Fort Sully Pembina	101 96	1874	Fort Abercrombie	102	
ware			Delaware Breakwater	89	1880	Fort Delaware	91	
Do			***************************************			Dover	94	1880
rict of Columbia	. Washington City	. 92	Washington City	96	1880	Washington City	90	
ida		. 91	Jacksonville	98.5		Fort Barrancas	93	1870 1880
Dogia		. 91 . 90	Saint Mark's	94 100	1874 1878	Houston	97	1879, 1880 1878
Do		90	Tybee Island		1878	Savannah	97	
10	. Boisé City	. 83	Boisé City	99 88	1881	Fort Lapwai	101	
Do	. Lewiston	. 92	Lewiston	88	1881, 1882	Fort Boise,	95 98	
10i8 Do		. 82	Chicago	92 89	1874 1874	Chicago	98	18 7 6
Doiana	Indianapolis	. 78 . 84	Indianapolis	89 89	1874, 1881	Logansport	99	1881
Do			***************************************			Vevay	98	
ian Territory	. Cantonment	90	Fort Sill	97	1880	Fort Arbuckle	100	***************************************
Do		. 90 . 81	Fort Gibson	94	1874, 1880	Fort Gibson	99	
a Do			Dubuque	94	1880	Boonesborough	96 96	1880 1876
88B			Dodge City	93 98	1879, 1880	Fort Larned	99	
Do	Leavenworth	. 80	Leaven worth	94	1874, 1875	Fort Riley	99	*************
tucky			Louisville	93	1881	Newport Barracks	90	-60-
Do			Sh way and we		1875	Bowling Green	90 99	1880
isiana Do			Shreveport	101 92	1877	Baton BougeFort Jesup		*************
10			Portland		1880	Brunswick	98	
Do	. Eastport		Eastport	94 80	1877	Portland	93 97 98	•••••
yland	. Baltimore	73 . 89 . 86	Baltimore	95	1881	Fort Washington	97	-0
Do	Ocean City		The sale of the sa		188o	New Market	98	1877 1880
seachusetts Do			BostonSpringfield	97 94	1880	Somerset	95	1000
higan			Marquette	95	1874	Detroit	94	
Do		. 81	Detroit	90.5	1881	Ontonagon	94 94	
nesota			Saint Paul	94	1874	Fort Ripley	101	
Dosissippi		. 86 . 88	Vicksburg.	93 95	1874 1874, 1877	Fort Snelling Brookhaven	92 98	1875
80uri,			Saint Louis,	93	1874	Corning.	100	1875
Do						Saint Louis	97 98	1878
tana			Fort Keogh	98	1881	Fort Shaw		
Do raska			North Platte	93	1875 1880	Fort Benton	94 100	1879
Do	Omaha		Omaha	94 92 86	1880	Fort Calhoun		1079
ada		. [Winnemucca	86	1881, 1882	Camp Halleck	104	
Hampsbire			Mount Washington,	62	1879, 1880	Auburn	96 96	1881
Do Jersey		86	Sandy Hook		1880	Grafton		1880 1880
Do	Little Egg Harbor	. 90	Cape May	93 93	1875	New Lisbon		1880
Mexico	. Fort Craig	. 92	La Mesilla	101	1879, 1881	Fort McRae	109	•••••
Do	•		Socorro	97	1880	Fort Craig	100	
York Do		. 85	New York City	94	1880	Newburg	101	1880
h Carolina	Wilmington	. 83 . 89 . 89 . 85	Wilmington	94 95	1878	Weldon		1880
Do	. Kitty Hawk	. šģ	Kitty Hawk	93	1880	Fort Johnson	92	\
),	. Cincinnati	. 85	Cincinnati	93 94 92	1874, 1875	Cincinnati		1877, 1881
Do		. 84	Cleveland	92	1879 1882	Marietta Fort Dalles	94 96	
on Do		- 93 - 90	Umatilla Portland	95.5 86	1878	Fort Dalles		***************************************
ısylvania	. Philadelphia	. 88	Philadelphia	96	1880	Philadelphia	95 98	1880
Do	Pittsburg	. 92	Pittsburg	95	1881	Milton	100	1881
le Island	, Block Island	. 72	Newport	95 85 78	1881	Providence		
Do h Carolina	Narragansett Pier	. 75 91	New Shoreham		1878	Fort AdamsCharleston	91 94	1880
Do		91	Charleston	94		Aiken		1881
essee	. Knoxville	. 89	Memphis	95	1879	Humboldt	98	
Do	. Nashville	. 88	Nashville	93	1874, 1879	Ashwood	96	1879
18		. 103	Eagle Pass	116	1879	Fort Ringgold	123	1879
Do	Rio Grande City	. 101 . 84	Uvalde Salt Lake City	11 3 91	1879 1874	Fort Stockton	111	***************************************
Do			Sait Lake City	91		Mount Carmel	96.4	1876
uont			Burlington	9t	1880	Charlotte	96	1878
Do						Lunenburg		
inia Do		. 91	Norfolk	98 96	1881	Alexandria	96	1880 1881
hington Territory .		. 91 . 72	Lynchburg	90	1880	Fort Walla Walla	97 99	1880, 1881
Do	Olympia		Olympia	87	1878	Fort Vancouver	98	***************************************
t Virginia			Morgantown	9î	1875	Weston	100	1877
Do	T.a Change		T n 4 woods		1874	Helvetia	90	1877
consin Do		79 79 80	La Crosse Milwankee	96 90 88	1874	Fort Howard	98 97 98	***************************************
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on the 30th, to 33° at Des Moines, Iowa, and Saint Paul, Minnesota, on the 16th, and at Dubuque, Iowa, on the 30th.

19th, to 44° at Fort Bennett, Dakota, on the 15th.

Northern slope.—From 30° at Helena, Montana, on the 2d, to 45° at Fort Benton, Montana, on the 14th.

Middle slope.-From 24° on the summit of Pike's Peak. Colorado, on the 28th, and 33° at Denver, Colorado, on the 9th, to 50° at West Las Animas, Colorado, on the 9th.

3d, to 48° at El Paso, Texas, and Fort Thomas, Arizona, on the 6th and 7th, respectively.

Middle plateau. -30° at Salt Lake City, Utah, on the 8th. Northern plateau.—From 30° at Boisé City, Idaho, on the 23d, to 40° at Dayton, Washington Territory on the 30th.

North Pacific coast region .- From 23° at Fort Canby, Washington Territory on the 29th, to 44° at Olympia, Washington Territory on the 30th.

Middle Pacific coast region .- From 21° at San Francisco, California, on the 8th, to 34° at Red Bluff, California, on the

South Pacific coast region.—From 18° at San Diego, California, on the 2d to 41° at Yuma, Arizona, on the 8th.

FROSTS.

Frosts occurred in the various districts on the following dates:

New England.—4th, 6th, 13th, 15th, 17th, 21st, 22d, 28th to st. On the summit of Mount Washington, 2d, 3d, 4th, 7th, 8th, 10th to 18th, 28th, 29th, 30th.

Middle Atlantic states .- 3d, 4th, 12th, 13th, 15th to 18th, 29th,

South Atlantic states .- Highlands, North Carolina, 30th; Raleigh, North Carolina, 29th, 30th, 31st.

Ohio valley .- 3d, 10th, 12th, 14th, 16th, 29th, 30th.

Lower lake region.—2d, 3d, 12th to 18th, 28th, 29th, 30th. Upper lake region.—2d, 3d, 11th, 13th to 18th, 20th, 26th,

28th, 29th, 30th.

Extreme northwest.—1st, 2d, 3d, 5th, 12th, 14th, 18th, 20th. Upper Mississippi valley .- 2d, 3d, 8th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 16th, .20th, 28th, 29th, 30th.

Missouri valley .- 1st, 2d, 3d, 5th, 6th, 8th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 15th, 27th, 29th, 30th.

Northern slope.—1st to 7th, 12th, 14th, 21st.

Middle slope.—2d, 3d, 5th to 8th, 14th, 19th; on the summit of Pike's Peak, 7th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 24th, 26th, 27th.

Southern plateau.—2d to 5th, 16th, 21st, 23d. Middle plateau.—Nephi, Utah, 4th.

Northern plateau.—Boisé City, Idaho, 1st, 4th.

North Pacific coast region.—Roseburg, Oregon, 4th; Olympia, Washington Territory, 28th, 29th.

Middle Pacific coast region.—Hydesville, California, 4th, 6th. The frosts which occurred from the 28th to 31st during the prevalence of high area vii. were very destructive in the lake region, New England, and the northern part of the middle Atlantic states, as will be seen from the following reports:

Connecticut.—New Haven: the frost of the 29-30th caused a large amount of damage in New Haven county, nearly all crops being totally ruined. It is estimated that the damage done in this state will approximate \$1,000,000.

Delaware.—Wilmington, 30th: the peach crop on the peninsula is reported to have suffered no injury from the recent cold

weather.

Illinois.—Rockford, Winnebago county: garden vegetables the frost of the 30th. and grape vines were injured by the frosts of the 29th.

Galena, Jo Daviess county: a severe frost occurred on the morning of the 29th; the fruit buds were destroyed to a great extent, and corn and potatoes were badly damaged.

Sandwich, DeKalb county: there was a heavy frost on the morning of the 29th, which caused damage in some localities.

Woodstock, McHenry county: a severe frost, causing injury to vegetables, occurred on the night of the 15-16th. During Missouri valley.—From 29° at Leavenworth, Kansas, on the the night of the 28-29th this region was visited by the severest frost that has occurred for many years at so late a date; garden vegetables suffered severely; ice formed to a thickness of one-eighth inch.

Mount Carroll, Carroll county, a heavy frost occurred on the

morning of the 16th; thin ice formed.

Indiana.—Fort Wayne, Allen county: the heavy frost on the

Southern slope.—From 39° at Fort Concho, Texas, on the 6th, to 46° at Fort Stockton, Texas, on the 17th.

Southern plateau.—From 28° at Fort Grant, Arizona, on the of the 29th was very severe throughout this county and damaged all early vegetation.

Plymouth, Marshall county: the frost of the 29th caused no

injury in this county.

Muncie, Delaware county: frost occurred on the 29th, but owing to the late planting no serious injury was done.

Wabash, Wabash county: a light frost occurred on the night of the 28-29th, but caused no damage.

La Fayette, Tippecanoe county: a light frost occurred on the 29th; corn was slightly injured in some localities, and early vegetables were considerably damaged.

Angola, Steuben county: a heavy frost occurred during the night of the 28-29th, doing considerable damage to early corn.

potatoes and other vegetables.

Iowa.-Guttenberg, Clayton county: the frost of the 29th was very severe in Turkey river valley; corn, potatoes and other vegetables were destroyed.

Manchester, Delaware county: the frosts on the 29th and

30th killed tender vegetables.

Preston, Jackson county: considerable damage was done by the frost on the 29th.

Charles City, Floyd county: a light frost occurred in this vicinity on the 29th; but little damage was done.

Des Moines: a light frost occurred in the bottom lands on

Waterloo, Black Hawk county: frost occurred in this section on the 29th, causing no serious injury. Reports from Franklin, Hardin, Bremer, Buchanan and Butler counties state that light frost occurred in those localities with possible damage to fruit on lowlands.

Iowa City, Johnson county: the frost of the 29th was quite general, but the damage slight.

Dubuque: farmers from surrounding counties report that the frost on the 29th caused some injury to corn and vegetables.

Brooklyn, Poweshiek county: the heavy frost on the morning of the 30th, ruined several thousand acres of corn in the lowlands in this county.

Kentucky.—Louisville: the tobacco crop is reported to have been injured by the cold weather of the 29th.

Maine. - Gardiner, Kennebec county: vegetation was badly damaged by the cold weather of the 31st.

Portland: the frost of the 31st caused condsiderable damage to the gardens in this vicinity.

Rockland, Knox county: a severe frost occcurred on the morning of the 30th, but the crops were not sufficiently advanced to sustain serious injury.

Bangor: the heavy frost on the morning of the 30th caused slight injury to the crops in this vicinity.

Maryland.—Ocean City, Worcester county: corn and sweet potatoes were damaged by frost on the 29th.

Massachusetts.—Taunton, Bristol county: the damage resulting from the frosts of the 30th and 31st in this county alone is estimated at \$100,000.

Amherst, Hampshire county: great damage was done by

Somerset, Bristol county: the frost on the 30th was very destructive.

Westfield, Hampden county: all early vegetables were destroyed by the frost on the night of the 29-30th.

Athol, Worcester county: ice formed to a thickness of onefourth inch on the morning of the 30th.

Boston: during the night of the 29-30th, the ground froze to a depth of from one-fourth to one-half inch throughout New England; incalculable damage was done to crops.

Great Barrington, Berkshire county: a very heavy frost, causing great damage to vegetation, occurred during the night lands on the morning of the 30th.

of the 29-30th; the temperature fell to 22°

Michigan.—Swartz creek, Genesee county: the frost of the 29th did great damage to garden vegetables; apples and cherries were nearly all killed.

Port Huron: great damage was done by the heavy frost of

the 29th.

Grand Rapids, Kent county: a severe frost occurred on the night of the 28-29th; vegetables in the lowlands suffered seri-

Niles, Berrien county: a light frost occurred on the morning

of the 16th; tender vegetation was injured.

Corunna, Shiawassee county: the heavy frost on the night of the 28-29th killed vegetables and caused injury to the fruit crops.

Ann Arbor, Washtenaw county: the frost of the 29th ruined

the corn, grape and strawberry crops in this section.

Lapeer, Lapeer county: a severe frost damaging garden vegetables occurred during the night of the 28-29th; ice formed to a thickness of one-fourth inch.

Hudson, Lenawee county: the frost on the morning of the 29th killed nearly all of the garden vegetables and fruit in this

Marshall, Calhoun county: a severe frost injuring the grow-

ing crops, occurred during the night of the 28-29th.

Richmond, Macomb county: the frost on the morning of the 29th caused a large amount of damage to fruit and vegetables in this vicinity

Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo county: great damage was done to crops in lowlands by the frost on the morning of the 29th.

New Hampshire .- Antrim, Hillsborough county: the frosts of the 29th and 30th were the severest occurring at so late a date for several years; heavy damage was sustained by

Hanover, Grafton county: the ground froze hard during the night of the 30-31st; early fruit was seriously injured.

Dover, Strafford county: nearly all of the corn, potatoes, and other crops were killed by the frost of the 30th.

Petersborough, Hillsborough county: the severe frost on the morning of the 30th killed fruit and all early vegetables.

Keene, Cheshire county: the frost on the night of the 29-30th destroyed a large per cent. of the early potatoes and corn.

New Jersey .- Cape May: the crops throughout this section are reported to have been much injured by the cold weather of the 29th and 30th.

New York.—Cooperstown, Otsego county: severe frosts occurred on the mornings of the 29th, 30th, and 31st, the temperature falling to 28°.

Menand Station (near Albany): the frost of the 30th was the severest known to occur in May for the last forty years; fruit and vegetables in many localities were entirely destroyed.

Rochester: a destructive frost occurred on the 30th; great damage was done to the tomatoes, fruit, and young corn in the adjoining counties.

Albany: the frosts of the 29th and 30th were destructive to

vegetation.

Minetto, Oswego county: a severe frost, killing corn and potatoes, occurred on the 30th.

Demster, Oswego county: it is estimated that one third of the strawberry crop in this locality was destroyed by the frost of the 30th.

Troy, Rensselaer county: the heavy frost on the morning of the 30th injured fruit and vegetables; in some localities ice formed to a thickness of three-fourths of an inch.

Poughkeepsie: on the morning of the 30th the thermometer fell to 25°. In Dutchess and Ulster counties the grape crop was fully one-half destroyed, the damage being estimated at more than \$100,000.

Port Jervis, Orange county: a heavy frost occurred throughout this section on the morning of the 30th; the grape vines and fruit trees in many cases were ruined.

Montgomery, Orange county: thick ice formed on the low-

Attica, Wyoming county: the frost on the morning of the 29th caused considerable damage to early vegetables.

Ellicottsville, Cattaraugus county: the frost on the 29th caused great damage to the fruit crops.

Wellsville, Allegheny county: corn and potatoes were badly damaged by the frost on the night of the 28-29th.

Fredonia, Chatauqua county: young vegetation suffered serious injury by the cold weather of the 29th.

Sag Harbor, Long Island: the heavy frost on the night of the 29-30th, caused much damage throughout the island. The damage to the strawberry crop is estimated at \$50,000. All of the ponds were covered with thin ice.

Ohio.—Columbus: the heavy frost on the 29th caused slight

injury to tender plants.

Sandusky: a damaging frost occurred on the 29th.

Upper Sandusky, Wyandot county: a heavy frost occurred on the morning of the 29th, causing much damage to crops.

Massillon, Stark county: the severe frost on the 29th did great damage to crops in this section,

Findlay, Hancock county: a severe frost occurred on the 29th which damaged the corn crop and killed early vegetables. Lima, Allen county: the frost of the 29th damaged small

fruit and early vegetables.

Coshocton, Coshocton county: a heavy frost, causing considerable damage to fruit and vegetables, occurred on the morning of the 29th.

Province of Ontario.—Toronto: the frost on the night of the 29-30th caused a large amount of damage throughout Canada.

Pennsylvania.—Quakertown, Bucks county: frosts occurred on the 12th, 18th, 29th and 30th, which injured garden vegetables, etc.

Grampian Hills, Clearfield county: the frosts on the 29th and 30th caused injury to fruit and other vegetation.

Wellsborough, Tioga county: the frosts of the 29th and 30th were very destructive; fruit and vegetables were entirely destroyed and growing grain was materially injured; the temperature fell to 26° on the 30th; the damage in this county is estimated at from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Dyberry, Wayne county: much injury was done by the frosts of the 29th and 30th.

Pittsburg: fruit and vegetables in eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania were severely damaged by the frosts on the 29th and 30th.

Rhode Island.—Narragansett Pier: farmers in this vicinity report heavy damage to corn and vegetables by the frost of the 30th.

Point Judith: heavy frost occurred on the 30th; minimum temperature, 33°.8; much damage to crops.

Pawtucket: a heavy frost occurred along the Blackstone river on the morning of the 30th: ice formed to a thickness of one-half inch; fruit and vegetables were badly damaged.

Providence: the frost of the 30th caused serious damage to

crops in this state. Vermont.—Woodstock, Windsor county: the temperature fell to 25° on the morning of the 31st; all garden vegetables

were killed; the ground froze to a depth of one inch. West Virginia.—Helvetia, Randolph county: the frost on the

29th and 30th damaged corn, potatoes, and other vegetables. Wisconsin.-Milwaukee: a destructive frost occurred on the 29th; potatoes and other vegetables were killed and the fruit crop was seriously injured.

Elkhorn, Walworth county: early vegetables were damaged by the frost on the 29th, but the fruit crop sustained no ma-

terial injury.

Janesville, Rock county: the heavy frosts on the mornings of the 16th and 30th caused great damage to fruit and crops in the lowlands of this region.

Fort Atkinson, Jefferson county: a severe frost occurred on the 30th, but no serious damage resulted in this locality.

Palmyra, Jefferson county: a heavy frost, killing all early vegetation, occurred during the night of the 15th-16th.

Darlington, La Fayette county: the frost of the 29th was very severe in this locality; fruit and vegetables were badly damaged.

White Water, Walworth county: the frost on the night of 28-29th damaged the corn, barley and potato crops; all vegetables in lowlands were destroyed.

Ice formed during May as follows:

Indiana.-Wabash, 29th.

Iowa.—Guttenberg, 29th.

Maine.—Portland, 7th, 29th; Gardiner, 17th, 31st; Eastport, 30th.

Massachusetts.—Dudley, 29th, Heath, and Rowe, 29th, 30th, 31st; Fall River, 30th; Cambridge, 31st.

Michigan.—Detroit, 29th; Port Huron, 29th.

Nebraska.—Clear Creek, 2d.

New Jersey.—Readington, 29th.
New York.—Dannemora, 28th, 29th; Humphrey, and Buffalo, 29th; Albany, and Menand Station (near Albany), 30th, one half inch thick.

Ohio.-Columbus, Cleveland, Wauseon, and Garrettsville,

Pennsylvania.—Easton, and Pittsburg, 29th; Dyberry, and Grampian Hills, 29th, 30th; State College, and Wellsboro',

Rhode Island.—Block Island, Narragansett Pier, and Point Judith, 30th.

Vermont.—Strafford, 15th, 29th, 30th.

Wisconsin. - Milwaukee, 29th, from one-eighth to one-fourth inch thick.

PRECIPITATION.

[Expressed in inches and hundredths.]

The distribution of rainfall over the United states and Canada, for May, 1884, as determined from the reports of nearly

eight hundred stations, is exhibited on chart iii.

In the first column of the following table is shown the average precipitation for May in each of the various districts, for several years, as determined from observations made at the Signal Service stations; in the second column are given the averages for May, 1884; and the third column shows the excess or deficiency of May, 1885, as compared with the average: Average precipitation for May, 1884,

Average for May. Signal-Service ob-Comparison of servations. May, 1884, with the av-Districts. erage for sev-eral years. For sev-eral years. For 1884 Inches. 0.78 excess. 0.46 deficiency. 0.59 deficiency. 1.08 deficiency. 3.61 2.77 3.42 3.63 4.83 5.03 2.68 3.84 3.60 3.10 3.60 1.08 denciency.
0.31 excess.
4.37 excess.
2.82 excess.
0.22 deficiency. Tennessee... Tennessee...

Ohio valley

Lower lake region...

Upper lake region...

Extreme northwest...

Upper Mississippi valley

Missouri valley 1.00 excess. 0.04 excess. 0.00 deficiency. 1.21 deficiency, 1.16 deficiency, 1.87 deficiency, 1.10 deficiency, 3.35 4.62 4.46 2.90 4.28 2.01 0.85 excess. 3.40 excess. 0.29 1.38 2.37 Southern plateau 0.37 excess. 0.68 deficiency Southern plateau
Northern plateau
North Pacific coast region
Middle Pacific coast region
South Pacific coast region
Mount Washington, N. H
Pike's Peak, Colo.
Salt Lake City, Utah 0.70 1.22 0.10 1.15 deficiency. 0.83 deficiency. 0.99 0.29 4.36 3.61 1.00 9.54 2.90 0.71 excess. 5.18 excess. o.71 deficiency. o.62 deficiency.

The precipitation for May, 1884, exceeded the average in New England, the Ohio valley, middle slope, and over the southern part of the country from the Gulf states westward to the Pacific coast. In the western Gulf states and Rio Grande valley, the monthly precipitation was nearly double the May average, and in the southern slope it was nearly three times as great as the average; in the lower lake region it was normal; on the Atlantic coast south of New England, in Tennessee, and in the northern districts, from the upper Mississippi valley and upper lake region, westward to the Pacific coast it was below the average, the deficiencies ranging from 1.10 to 1.87 from Illinois and Missouri northwestward to Minnesota, Dakota, and Montana; Connecticut.—Bethel and Southington, 30th; one-half inch in the northern plateau, north and middle Pacific coast regions it was less than one-half the average amount for May.

Table of excessive and greatest monthly precipitation .- May, 1884.

ou at	Specially	heavy.	Largest monthly.		Specially l	beavy.	Largest monthly.
Station.	Date. Amt. Amount.		Station.	Date.	Anıt.	Amount.	
Alabama.		:		Missouri.			
Mobile		2,20	8.48	Pierce City	13	3.50	
Do		2.90		Nebruska.			
Arkansas. Mount Ida	ı	2.50	10.25	Fort Robinson New Hampshire.	21	2,00	••••••
Do		2.25	19.23	Mt. Washington	20, 21	3.17	9.54
Texarkana	2	2.46	7.49	New Jersey.	_	i	3.01
Do Little Rock	19, 20	3.65		Sandy Hook South Orange	6, 7 10	2.01	••••••
Prescott	3.4	4.00	7.37 6.28	New Mexico.	10	2.25	
Lead Hill	ı	2,09	0.20	Fort Union	31	2.85	
Pine Bluff	14, 15	4.05		New York.			
Madison Colorado.	22	2.50		Dannemora New York City:	6. 7	2.20	6.62
West Las Animas	23	2,12		Fort Columbus	8	2.08	*************
Connecticut.				David's Island	8	2,28	•••••
New London	6, 7	2.19	' 	North Carolina. Charlotte	17	2.17	
Webster	21	4.01	9.19	Ohio.		~,	***********
Do	23	2.95		Sidney			6.27
Fort Mende Florida.	19, 20	3.17	8.58	Canal Dover	27	2.15	••••••
Fort Barrancas	5	8.15	9.75	Wellsborough	6	2,60?	9.361
Pensacola	4, 5	4.01	6.64	Do		2.16?	***************************************
Waldo	 • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		6.55	Do	27 28	2.89?	*************
Jacksonville	29	2.02		Blooming Grove Rhode Island,	20	2,00	•••••
Greenville			7.89	Block Island	6, 7, 8	4-57	6.39
Mascoutah			7.70	Point Judith	7, 8	2.04	***************************************
Swanwick	I		*************	NarragansettPier South Carolina.	7, 8	2.3Ś	
Peoria	12	2.25	***************************************	Chester	25	2.01	
Laconia	4	2.10		Florence	25	2.99	
Indian Territory.				Yemassee	25, 26	3.90	
Cantonment Fort Reno	29, 30 15	4.05	6.95 6.97	Tennessee.			8.64
Kansas,	-3	1	0.97	Bolivar			7.16
Allison	22	2.86	9.04	: Memphis		0	6.46
Fort Scott Do	18	2.75 4.89	9.03	Milan Brownsville,	4, 5	3.58	
Sherlock	20	2.02	7.94	Texas.		3.02	*************
Elk Falls	2 0	2.50		Weatherford	I	4.00?	27.94
Kentucky. Louisville	4	2.10		Do	14, 15, 16	3.99? 7.11?	
Louisiana.	, ,			Do	20, 21	12.85?	*************
Shreyeport	3, 4	3.47	14-47	Tyler	3	4,00 8.00	17.47
Do Grand Coteau	21, 22 5	7.62 2.50	. 14.03	Palestine	21, 22 1, 2, 3	6,62	
Do	15	3.37	. 14.03	Po		7.55	17.25
Do	20	2.05	***********	New Ulm	3	4.40	15.25
Do Whiteville,	22 18	2.31	11 24	Do Huntsville,	22 I	2.19	
Do	22	2.15	11.34	Do	3, 4	2.65	13.65
Do	25, 26	2.34		Do	21 to 24	7.37	
Minden Do	21, 22	4.75	9.64	Fort Concho	20, 21 26, 27	3.14 5.25	13.50
Monroe	21, 22	2.94	9.59	Do Barnesville	16	2.50	
Cheney ville			8.75	Do	21	3.00	
Natchitoches	22	2.03	8.67 8.29	Do	22 21, 22	3.00	
Opelousas	16	2.15	7.28	Waco Clarkesville	1	2.70	9.66 9.53
Maine.		5		Do	21	3.02	
Eastport	8, 9	2.14	6.79	Paris	I	2.20 2.01	8.80
Portland	20, 21	1.96	6.46	Do Do	3 21	2.09	•••••
Emmitsburg	7	2.25	7.19	Galveston	3, 4	2.31	8.42
Do	14	2.00		Dallas	20, 21	4.91	8,25
Massachusetts. Fall River	8	2,00		Indianola Do	3, 4	3.76	7.94
Minnesola,		1		Austin	1	2.32	7.85
Duluth	21, 22	4.02	i	Cuero	3	3.39	6.89
Mississippi. Brookhaven	_	2.32	11.83	Honey Grove Fort Elliott	21 29	2.50 2.75	6.80
Do	5 14, 15	2.77		Fort Stockton	7	2.69	
Do	24	2.10		Rio Grande	19	2.00	
Vicksburg	2	2.40	11.76	Cleburne Vermout.	21	2,09	••••••
Do Edwards	20 2	3.80	9.84	Newport	*******		6.79
Natchez	2	2.02	7.63	Washington Territ'y			
Lake	********		7.08	Neah Bay	2 to 6	5.60	6.20
	2	2.71	6.08				I
Jackson Hernando	4	2.62	1.00				